

"DARK HORSE" MAY BE HADLEY OR HUGHES



COMMERCIAL CLUB ORATORICAL CONTEST

Nothing Ever Pulled Off in Tucumcari Just Like It. But It Was Appreciated By Everybody

RUBE BAND SURPRISED US ALL

Entertainment Was a Social and Financial Success—About 400 In Attendance at Night

The entertainment given by the Commercial Club Thursday evening was a decided success, from a financial standpoint at least, and that was the object. It is estimated that about \$100.00 was cleared above all expenses.

The star performers were all home talent and were just composed of the movements and professional men around town. They donned linen trousers and were out to go their legions days one better—and then some. The entertainment supposed to be a country school with A. H. Mahon acting as the school master was carried out to perfection. The school teacher being snail of state are was somewhat timid in correcting some of the larger boys, but it seemed to be the smaller ones that gave him the most trouble, but he did his best and the audience overlooked his inability to keep some of his pupils quiet. The oratorical contest was spirited and heartily received by the large audience. The earnestness of Messrs. Cordes and Bliz deserves special mention; also the musical number given by Mrs. Ferguson was accorded a hearty encore.

The Rube band was a pleasing feature. Being composed mostly of musical chairs who have not played a horn for years it was expected to be a farce, but to the pleasant surprise of all it played up to date music with a vim and were heartily praised for their splendid showing.

There was a full house and all seemed to enjoy the entertainment. Various features were complimented and honors were piled up on each individual until he was almost overcome with modesty. Some of our business men are now contemplating giving up their present vocation and going out on the road with some good theatrical troupe. Of course no cheap offer will be considered and it may be some time before they decide which company to join.

The Commercial Club desires to extend its thanks to one and all who assisted in making it a stupendous success and the proceeds will be judiciously used to the advantage of the citizens of Tucumcari.

The judges decision and awarding of the "gold" medal is best told in

the original report, which is as follows:

The Judges Report

As judges of the contest which you have just witnessed, we, the Board of Education, after due deliberation and without prejudice, beg to submit the following report:

We have rated each contestant on points, allowing 33 1/3 points each on delivery, personal appearance and subject.

The first speaker, J. E. Whitmore, was entirely too bombastic, taking it upon himself to represent all the other contestants. Having no subject what ever we have allowed him 5 points for delivery and 15 for appearance, making a total of 20 in all. We would suggest that the contestant refrain from entering any such contest in the future.

There was no excuse whatever for the appearance of the next speaker, S. G. Lawson, and on behalf of the Board of Education, we beg to apologize to this honorable audience for our part in bringing such a performer before you. We will ask you to take into consideration the fact that no member of this board had anything to do with permitting this contestant to take part. On general principles we refuse to grade this contestant.

The third contestant, J. W. Corn, was a first. He is cold, bald, had a cold subject and a cold look; also suffers with cold feet. Being in the line business, however, we realize that his environments have a great deal to do with his disposition, and, inasmuch as we sometimes buy ice and coal from him we shall have to refrain from making a public report and will simply state that he did not get the medal and that out of the twelve contestants there were eleven ahead of him.

The next contestant, J. P. Miller, is an imbued with the idea of business that he took advantage of this gathering to advertise his wares. We have just learned that he had several boys employed to pass among the audience and sell fly paper at 5c a sheet, when the management got next to him. For a man of his age and build to talk about swatting anything is ridiculous and we suggest that the next time he attempts to speak in public he select some subject like "How doth the busy little bee" or something else appropriate to his disposition and appearance. His total grade is 16.

The next speaker, R. A. Prentice, and his accomplices, B. Baca and M. B. Goldenberg, ought to be run in. All three are village politicians and we are strictly adverse to mixing politics with education or education with politics. We regret that the committee on arrangements failed to appoint a sergeant at arms, otherwise we would not have inflicted this three-cylinder hot air machine upon you. Upon the advice of the counsel we refuse to grade this set of triplets.

The next speaker, C. G. Chapman,

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Roosevelt—"We Protest Against a Crime Which Represents Treason. If the Convention Proves False to the People it Will Wreck the Republican Party—There Can Be No Compromise"

ROOSEVELT MEN BEATEN AGAIN IN THE VOTING

Roosevelt Forces Are Again Defeated and the Deadlock is Still on. Platform Committee is Through With Its Work But Has Not Been Made Public. It is Taftian in Every Respect That's Possible

ROOSEVELT BOLT SEEMS LESS LIKELY—TAFT DELEGATIONS WIN

Convention Votes Down Hadley's Motion Not to Permit Contested Delegates to Vote Upon Credentials Committee Report; Then Votes Down His Motion to Seat Roosevelt Delegates From Alabama

Convention Hall, Chicago, Ill., June 21.—Roosevelt's forces met their third defeat in the Republican national convention this afternoon.

By a vote of 539 to 499, the convention voted to table a resolution of governor Hadley which would have prevented any of the contested delegates voting on any of the issues reported by the credentials committee.

The convention's first vote on temporary chairman Root's election was 558 to 592. The second on Hadley's original proposal to the same effect as today was 565 to 519.

A fourth roll call, the second day, resulted even more decisively for Taft; the result being 605 to 464. It was to table Hadley's motion to adopt the minority report from the credentials committee to seat the two Taft delegates from the ninth Alabama.

After three days of what practically amounted to a deadlock, the Republican national convention at 12:26 p. m. today actually began work. The first business was the report of the committee on credentials on the contest in the ninth district of Alabama. This opened the fight.

The platform committee is through with its work, but the convention can do nothing until the committee on credentials reports finally and the report is acted upon; until that time, the convention is without permanent organization and cannot take up the platform or nominations.

Slow progress is being made upon the contests by the credentials committee, owing to the fact that all contests were reopened and taken up one by one.

With the credentials committee report out of the way, the rest of the work will be finished with a rush. If the Roosevelt men do not bolt, the convention will likely adopt the platform at once and clear the decks for the nominations Saturday.

The platform will hardly cause much of a fight, although as drafted, it is Taftian in every respect, being against the recall of the judiciary or of judiciary decisions—the latter a pet Roosevelt measure—and in many ways differing from what it would have been if the Roosevelt men had been in control of the committee.

Judging from the contests already decided, the credentials committee will seat most of, if not all the Taft delegates in the convention. Then, if there is no bolt, the machine will continue its regular work, without interruption. If there is a bolt, Roosevelt will not carry by a large majority, as many delegates as he had expected. So far the California delegation is the only one that has taken formal action for a bolt. Many other scattering delegates may join in the bolt, but it is not expected that any other state will join in its entirety.

The nomination of Taft now seems certain but no one can tell what tomorrow might bring forth. With the knowledge that the committee on credentials had not nearly completed its work, delegates to the convention were slow to move toward the Coliseum today.

Up to 10:45 only a handful of delegates were in their seats, but from this time on, they poured in from every entrance. The galleries filled up very slowly. As the delegates and spectators gathered the New Jersey delegates rose in their seats and delivered the Jersey yell that has become familiar in the convention.

West Virginia answered Jersey and the shrill shriek of the Californians joined in for a time, but a demonstration did not develop and the yelling subsided. When word finally came from the credentials committee that the Alabama case was to be submitted to the con-

vention at once, Senator Root prepared to call the convention to order.

"Play ball," shouted a man in the gallery. The delegates applauded Senator Root as he rose in his place. The gavel fell at 12:26 and prayer was offered by Rev. John Ralston Shaw, of the second Presbyterian church of Chicago.

Senator Root then introduced W. T. Doyell, of Washington, a member of the committee, who submitted the report favoring the seating of the Taft delegates in the ninth district of Alabama.

R. R. McCormick, of Illinois, a Roosevelt leader, was on his feet calling for recognition.

Chairman Root however, directed the reading of the report, which went into details of the contest and said a full hearing should be granted by the committee.

Scattered applause greeted the conclusion of the reading of the report.

Hadley moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority and adopted by the convention.

Hadley then asked for the unanimous consent for the statement of McCormick.

Robert J. Walker of Virginia, tried to move to lay the motion on the table. The chairman ruled it out of order.

Unanimous consent was given and Mr. McCormick took the platform. His statement was one of dissent by the minority members of the credentials committee to the majority statement of law and facts in the ninth Alabama case.

Walker renewed his motion to table. Before it was put, Doyell made a further statement in support of the majority report.

Walker temporarily withdrew his motion to table to give Hadley opportunity to make a motion.

As Hadley arose, delegates all over the hall shouted for him to take the platform. He did so and was received with applause.

He then presented a resolution which would prevent a vote on the question by any of the delegates now under contest.

Chairman Root overruled the point



LATEST NEWS FROM CHICAGO CONVENTION

The Steam Roller Is Working to Perfection and Almost Exceeding the Speed Limit.

MAJORITY REPORT THE WINNER

The Crowd is Slow in Coming in Saturday morning. Convention Called to Order at 10:15

From the bulletins received at the local telephone office Saturday morning we secure the following report of the convention:

The crowd was slow in gathering and not until 9:47 was the hall practically filled, but no move had been made to seat the convention to order.

At 10:15 the convention was called to order by Chairman Root who had been experiencing some trouble in quieting the crowd which was still filling the hall.

After prayer the Mississippi contest was brought up and the majority report adopted by a unanimous vote.

They are disposing of the district contests at the rate of two a minute, the minority not presenting a report.

A Pennsylvania delegate rises to a point of order and proclaims that the steam roller is exceeding the speed limit, but at this rate there are slim chances of getting through before Sunday.

The majority report of the State of Washington is now before the house which is of considerable length, therefore for the reading of the report and action there is now taking more time.

Mr. Halbert from Minnesota, is supporting the minority and declares that the Taft delegates were chosen by a bolting convention.

He is followed by Mr. Doyell who is supporting the majority report.

These contests are disposed of in the same manner as the preceding ones, by adopting the majority report.

During a roll call the Roosevelt delegates say "WE WANT TEDDY" imitating a STEAM ROLLER whistle and otherwise showing their opinion of the majority decision.

The new band instructor is a reliable gentlemanly and able musician and our citizens should get in behind the organization and push it to the front. We need a good band.

C. F. Coleord has just returned from Chicago and says great excitement prevails there. That ropes are stretched on the streets leading to the Convention Hall for blacks, and one can not enter without a ticket. The police are on hand in great numbers.